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Alfred S. Cloues, State Treasurer
State House
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Cloues:

In a letter of January 19, 1956, you referred to Laws of 1955, chapter 226, and asked whether the State Treasurer might reimburse selectmen or city clerks for bounties paid by them on porcupine killed prior to June 30, 1955, the accounts with respect thereto having been filed with you after November 1, 1955. We advise you in the negative.

The statute cited makes provision for the payment of bounties on porcupine by appropriating a certain sum therefor. The same legislation, however, contained the proviso that the sum appropriated should be used only with respect to animals killed prior to July 15, 1955, on accounts submitted to the State Treasurer by selectmen or city clerks prior to November 1, 1955.

To make payment with respect to accounts submitted after November 1, 1955, would be contrary to the very clear language of the statute. Hence, the conclusion stated above.

Very truly yours,

Warren E. Waters
Deputy Attorney General

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